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Re application Thomas J. Berwald et al. Group Art 1733
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For: **SOFT-METAL ELECTROMECHANICAL COMPONENT
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**
Matter No.: 0092-18-CIP

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form are documents developed by a search conducted during prosecution of Applicant's PCT counterpart. The Examiner may deem these documents to be relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.


The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any of the documents constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

It is understood that no fee is necessary for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that no additional fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event that the Commissioner deems that an additional fee is required, it is respectfully requested that applicant's attorney be contacted and accorded an opportunity to pay such additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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